

**Complete Nucleotide and Deduced Amino Acid Sequence of Rice homolog of MLH1**

1	CGGCACGAGATTTTGAGTCTCTCTCCTCCGCTCGAGCGAGTGAGTCCCGACCACG	60
61	TCGCTGCCCTCGCCTCACC GCCGCCAACC GCCGTGACGAGAGATCGAGCAGGGCGGGGC	120
121	ATGGACGAGCCTTCGCCGCGCGGAGGTGGGTGCGCCGGGAGCCGCCCGCATCCGGAGG MetAspGluProSerProArgGlyGlyGlyCysAlaGlyGluProProArgIleArgArg	180
181	TTGGAGGAGTCCGGTGGTGAACCGCATCGCGCGGGGGAGGTGATCCAGCGGCCGTCGTCG LeuGluGluSerValValAsnArgIleAlaAlaGlyGluValIleGlnArgProSerSer	240
241	GCGGTGAAGGAGCTCATCGAGAACAGCCTCGACGCTGGCGCCTCCAGCGTCTCCGTTGCC AlaValLysGluLeuIleGluAsnSerLeuAspAlaGlyAlaSerSerValSerValAla	300
301	GTGAAGGACGGTGGCCTCAAGCTCATCCAGGTCTCCGATGACGGCCATGGCATCAGGTTT ValLysAspGlyGlyLeuLysLeuIleGlnValSerAspAspGlyHisGlyIleArgPhe	360
361	GAGGATTTGGCAATATTGTGCGAAAGGCATACTACCTCAAAGTTATCTGCATACGAGGAT GluAspLeuAlaIleLeuCysGluArgHisThrThrSerLysLeuSerAlaTyrGluAsp	420
421	CTGCAGACCATAAAATCGATGGGGTTGAGAGGGGAGGCTTTGGCTAGTATGACTTATGTT LeuGlnThrIleLysSerMetGlyPheArgGlyGluAlaLeuAlaSerMetThrTyrVal	480
481	GGCCATGTTACCGTGACAACGATAACAGAAGGCCAATTGCACGGCTACAGGGTTTCTTAC GlyHisValThrValThrThrIleThrGluGlyGlnLeuHisGlyTyrArgValSerTyr	540
541	AGAGATGGTGTAATGGAGAATGAGCCTAAGCCTTGCGCTGCGGTGAAAGGAACTCAAGTC ArgAspGlyValMetGluAsnGluProLysProCysAlaAlaValLysGlyThrGlnVal	600
601	ATGGTTGAAAATCTATTTTACAACATGGTAGCCCGCAAGAAAACATTGCAGAACTCCAAT MetValGluAsnLeuPheTyrAsnMetValAlaArgLysLysThrLeuGlnAsnSerAsn	660
661	GATGACTACCCCAAGATCGTAGACTTCATCAGTCGGTTTGAGTCCATCACATCAACGTT AspAspTyrProLysIleValAspPheIleSerArgPheAlaValHisHisIleAsnVal	720
721	ACCTTCTCTTGAGAAAGCATGGAGCCAATAGAGCAGATGTTCATAGTGCAAGTACATCC ThrPheSerCysArgLysHisGlyAlaAsnArgAlaAspValHisSerAlaSerThrSer	780
781	TCAAGGTTAGATGCTATCAGGAGTGTCTATGGGGCTTCTGTCGTTTCGTGATCTCATAGAA SerArgLeuAspAlaIleArgSerValTyrGlyAlaSerValValArgAspLeuIleGlu	840

FIGURE 1A

841	ATAAAGGTTTCATATGAGGATGCTGCAGATTCAATCTTCAAGATGGATGGTTACATCTCA IleLysValSerTyrGluAspAlaAlaAspSerIlePheLysMetAspGlyTyrIleSer	900
901	AATGCAAATTATGTGGCAAAGAAGATTACAATGATTCTTTTCATAAATGATAGGCTTGTA AsnAlaAsnTyrValAlaLysLysIleThrMetIleLeuPheIleAsnAspArgLeuVal	960
961	GACTGTACTGCTTTGAAAAGAGCTATTGAATTTGTGTACTCTGCAACATTGCCTCAAGCA AspCysThrAlaLeuLysArgAlaIleGluPheValTyrSerAlaThrLeuProGlnAla	1020
1021	TCCAAACCTTTTCATATACATGTCCATACATCTTCCATCAGAACACGTGGATGTTAATATA SerLysProPheIleTyrMetSerIleHisLeuProSerGluHisValAspValAsnIle	1080
1081	CACCCAACCAAGAAAGAGGTTAGCCTTTTGAATCAAGAGCGTATTATTGAAACAATAAGA HisProThrLysLysGluValSerLeuLeuAsnGlnGluArgIleIleGluThrIleArg	1140
1141	AATGCTATTGAGGAAAACTGATGAATTCTAATACAACCAGGATATTCCAAACTCAGGCA AsnAlaIleGluGluLysLeuMetAsnSerAsnThrThrArgIlePheGlnThrGlnAla	1200
1201	TTAAACTTATCAGGGATTGCTCAAGCTAACCCACAAAAGGATAAGGTTTCTGAGGCCAGT LeuAsnLeuSerGlyIleAlaGlnAlaAsnProGlnLysAspLysValSerGluAlaSer	1260
1261	ATGGGTTCTGGAACAAAATCTCAAAAATTCCTGTGAGCCAAATGGTCAGAACAGATCCA MetGlySerGlyThrLysSerGlnLysIleProValSerGlnMetValArgThrAspPro	1320
1321	CGCAATCCATCTGGAAGATTGCACACCTACTGGCACGGGCAATCTTCAAATCTTGAAAAG ArgAsnProSerGlyArgLeuHisThrTyrTrpHisGlyGlnSerSerAsnLeuGluLys	1380
1381	AAATTTGATCTTGTATCTGTAAGAAATGTTGTAAGATCAAGGAGAAACCAAAAAGATGCT LysPheAspLeuValSerValArgAsnValValArgSerArgArgAsnGlnLysAspAla	1440
1441	GGTGATTTGTCAAGCCGTCATGAGCTCCTTGTGGAAATAGATTCTAGCTTCCATCCTGGC GlyAspLeuSerSerArgHisGluLeuLeuValGluIleAspSerSerPheHisProGly	1500
1501	CTTTTGGACATTGTCAAGAACTGCACATATGTTGGACTTGCCGATGAAGCCTTTGCTTTG LeuLeuAspIleValLysAsnCysThrTyrValGlyLeuAlaAspGluAlaPheAlaLeu	1560
1561	ATACAACACAATACCCGCTTATACCTTGTAATGTGGTAAATATTAGTAAAGAACTTATG IleGlnHisAsnThrArgLeuTyrLeuValAsnValValAsnIleSerLysGluLeuMet	1620
1621	TACCAGCAAGCTTTGTGCCGTTTGGGAACTTCAATGCTATTCAGCTCAGTGAACCAGCT TyrGlnGlnAlaLeuCysArgPheGlyAsnPheAsnAlaIleGlnLeuSerGluProAla	1680

FIGURE 1B

1681	CCACTTCAGGAGTTGCTGGTGATGGCACTGAAAGACGATGAATTGATGAGTGATGAAAAG ProLeuGlnGluLeuLeuValMetAlaLeuLysAspAspGluLeuMetSerAspGluLys	1740
1741	GATGATGAGAACTGGAGATTGCAGAAGTAAACACTGAGATACTAAAAGAAAATGCTGAG AspAspGluLysLeuGluIleAlaGluValAsnThrGluIleLeuLysGluAsnAlaGlu	1800
1801	ATGATTAATGAGTACTTTTCTATTACATTGATCAAGATGGCAAATTGACAAGACTTCCT MetIleAsnGluTyrPheSerIleHisIleAspGlnAspGlyLysLeuThrArgLeuPro	1860
1861	GTTGTACTGGACCAGTACACCCCTGATATGGACCGTCTTCCAGAATTTGTGTTGGCTTTA ValValLeuAspGlnTyrThrProAspMetAspArgLeuProGluPheValLeuAlaLeu	1920
1921	GGAAATGATGTTACTTGGGATGACGAGAAAGAGTGCTTCAGAACAGTAGCTTCTGCTGTA GlyAsnAspValThrTrpAspAspGluLysGluCysPheArgThrValAlaSerAlaVal	1980
1981	GGAACTTCTATGCACTTCATCCCCAATCCTTCCAAATCCATCTGGGAATGGCATTTCAT GlyAsnPheTyrAlaLeuHisProProIleLeuProAsnProSerGlyAsnGlyIleHis	2040
2041	TTATACAAGAAAAATAGAGATTCAATGGCTGATGAACATGCTGAGAATGATCTAATATCA LeuTyrLysLysAsnArgAspSerMetAlaAspGluHisAlaGluAsnAspLeuIleSer	2100
2101	GATGAAAATGACGTTGATCAAGAACTTCTTGCAGGAGCAGAGCATGGGCCCAACGT AspGluAsnAspValAspGlnGluLeuLeuAlaGluAlaGluAlaAlaTrpAlaGlnArg	2160
2161	GAGTGGACCATTTCAGCATGTCTTGTTCCTCCATGCGACTTTTCCTCAAGCCCCGAAG GluTrpThrIleGlnHisValLeuPheProSerMetArgLeuPheLeuLysProProLys	2220
2221	TCAATGGCAACAGATGGAACGTTTGTGCAGGTTGCTTCCTTGGAGAACTCTACAAGATT SerMetAlaThrAspGlyThrPheValGlnValAlaSerLeuGluLysLeuTyrLysIle	2280
2281	TTTGAAAGGTGTAGCTCATAAGTGAGAAAATGAAGGCAGAGTAAGATCATGATTCATGG PheGluArgCysEnd	2340
2341	AGTGTTTTTTGAAAATGTGTATAATTTACCGTATTATGTACTTTGATAGTGTCTGTAGAA	2400
2401	ACTGAAGAAAGAAAGATGGCTTTACTTCTGAATTGAAAGTTAACGATGCCAGCAATTGTA	2460
2461	TATTCTGATCAACCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	2501

FIGURE 1C

**AminoAcid Sequence of Rice Homolog of MLH1.**

1 MDEPSPRGGG CAGEPPRIRR LEESVVNRIA AGEVIQRPSS AVKELIENSL  
51 DAGASSVSVA VKDGGGLKLIQ VSDDGHGIRF EDLAILCERH TTSKLSAYED  
101 LQTIKSMGFR **GEALASMTYV** GHVTVTTITE GQLHGYRVSY RDGVMENEPK  
151 PCAAVKGTQV MVENLFYNMV ARKKTQLQNSN DDYPKIVDFI SRFVHHINV  
201 TFSCRKHGAN RADVHSASTS SRLDAIRSVY GASVVRDLIE IKVSYEDAAD  
251 SIFKMDGYIS NANYVAKKIT MILFINDRLV DCTALKRAIE FVYSATLPQA  
301 SKPFIYMSIH LPSEHVDVNI HPTKKEVSL NQERIIETIR NAIEEKLMS  
351 NTTRIFQTQA LNLSGIAQAN PQKDKVSEAS MSGGTSQKI PVSQMVRTDP  
401 RNPSGRLHTY WHGQSSNLEK KFDLVSVRNV VRSRRNQKDA GDLSSRHELL  
451 VEIDSSFHPG LLDIVKNCTY VGLADEAFAL IQHNTRLV NVVNISKELM  
501 YQQALCRFGN FNAIQLSEPA PIQELLVMAL KDELMSDEK DDEKLEIAEV  
551 NTEILKENAE MINEYFSIHI DQDGKLTRLP VVLDQYTPDM DRLPEFVLAL  
601 GNDVTWDDEK ECFRTVASAV GNFYALHPPI LPNPSGNGIH LYKKNRDSMA  
651 DEHAENDLIS DENDVDQELL AEAEAAWAQR EWTIQHVLFP SMRLFLKPPK  
701 SMATDGTFVQ VASLEKLYKI FERC\*

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*mutL*/PMS1 signature sequence is shown in bold.

FIGURE 2

Amino Acid Sequence Comparison of Rice and Arabidopsis mutL Homologs

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2  DEPSPRGGGCAGEPPRIRRLSESVVNRIAAGEVIQRPSSAVKELIENSLD 51
   :| ||      |||:|.||||||| |||||:||||
13  EEESPATTIVPREPPKIQRLEESVVNRIAAGEVIQRPVSAVKELVENSLD 62

52  AGASSVSVAVKDGGLKLIQVSDDGHGIRFEDLAILCERHTTSKLSAYEDL 101
   | .||:| | ||||| ||||| || ||||| |||. :|||
63  ADSSSISVVVKDGGLKLIQVSDDGHGIRREDLPILCERHTTSKLTKFEDL 112

102 QTIKSMGFRGEALASMTYVGHVTVTTITEGQLHGYRVSYRDGVMENEPKP 151
   .: ||||| ||||| .||:| ||||| |||. |||
113 FSLSSMGFRGEALASMTYVAHVTVTTITKGQIHGYRVSYRDGVMHEPKA 162

152 CAAVKGTVQMVENLFYNMVARKKTLQNSDDYPKIVDFISREFAVHHINVT 201
   ||||| |:| ||||| :|: ||||| || |||| :|| |:| ||.
163 CAAVKGTVQIMVENLFYNMIARRKTLQNSADDYGVKIVDLLSRMAIHNNVS 212

202 FSCRKHGANRADVHSASTSSRLDAIRSVYGASVVRDLIEIKVSYEDAADS 251
   ||||| |:| |||. ||||. ||||| || :. |. :. || |..
213 FSCRKHGAVKADVHSVSPSRLDIRSIVYGVSAKNLMKVEVSSCDSSGC 262

252 IFKMDGYISNANYVAKKITMILFINDRLVDCTALKRAIEFVYSATLPQAS 301
   | |:|:| |. ||||| :|: ||||| |:| ||||| ||. ||||. ||
263 TFDMEGFISNSNYVAKKITLVLFINDRLVECSALKRAIEIVYAATLPKAS 312

302 KPFIYMSIHLPESEHVDVNIHPTKKEVSLLNQERIIETIRNAIEEKLMSN 351
   |||:| |. || |||:| ||||| ||||| ||| |.. :| || |. |
313 KPFVYMSINLPREHVDINIHPKKEVSLLNQEIIEIMIQSEVEVKLRNAN 362

352 TTRIFQTQALNLSGIAQANPQKDKVSEASMSGTKSQKIPVSMVVRTDPR 401
   || || | . . || . || |. |:| |. . |||||
363 DTRTFQEQKVEYIQ. STLTSQKSDSPVSKPSGQKTQKVPVNKMVRTDSS 411

402 NPSGRLHTYWHGQSSNLEKKFDLVS. VRNVVRSRRNQKDAGDLSSRHELL 450
   .|. |||| : . . | | . | ||. || ||| |: |||| ||:
412 DPAGRLHAFLQPKPQSLPDKVSSLSVVRSSVRQRRNPKETADLSSVQELI 461

451 VEIDSSFHPGLLDIVKNCTYVGLADEAFALIQHNTRLVYNVNNISKELM 500
   :|| |||:|: |:| |||||:| |:| |:|:| ||| ||||:| ||||
462 AGVDSCCHPGMLETVRNCTYVGMADDVFALVQYNTHLYLANVVNLSKELM 511

501 YQQALCRFGNFNAIQLSEPAPLQELLVMALKDDEL. MSDEKDDEKLEIA 548
   ||| | || . |||||:| ||| ||:| |||:| | . | ||| | ||
512 YQQTLLRRFAHFNAIQLSDPAPLSELILLALKEEDLDPGNDTKDDLKERIA 561

549 EVNTEILKENAEMINEYFSIHIDQDGKLTPLPVVLDQYTPDMDRLPEFVL 598
   |. |||:| | |||: ||||:| |. ||||:| ||||| |||. |||. |
562 EMNTELLKEKAEMLEEFVSHIDSSANLSRLPVILDQYTPDMDRVPEFLL 611

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FIGURE 3A

Title: RICE MLH1 ORTHOLOG AND USES THEREOF  
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599 ALGNDVTWDEKECFRTVASAVGNFYALHPPILPNPSGNGIHLYKKNRDS 648
    |||| |:||| ||. |...|:||||:||||:|||||.|| | | :|
612 CLGNDVEWEDEKSCFQGVSAAGNFYAMHPPLLPNPSGDGIQFYSKRGES 661

649 MADEHAENDLISDENDVDQELLAEAEAAWAQREWTIQHVLFPMSRLFLKP 698
    :. : |...|:|.:|| |||||.|||||||
662 SQEKSDLEGNVDMEDNLDQDLLSDAENAWAQREWSIQHVLFPMSRLFLKP 711

699 PKSMATDGTFFVQVASLEKLYKIFERC 724
    | |||.||||.|||||||
712 PASMASNGTFFVKVASLEKLYKIFERC 737
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Deduced amino acid sequences of *Oryza sativa* and *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Genbank ID, SP\_PL:Q9ZRV4) were compared using the Bestfit program of GCG.

FIGURE 3B

FIGURE 4A

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1491 CCATCCTGGCCTTTTGGACATTGTCAAGAACTGCACATATGTTGGACTTG 1540
    ||||| || | ||| | ||| | ||| ||||| ||||| |||
1406 CCATCCAGGTATGCTGGAGACTGTAAGGAATTGCACATATGTTGGAATGG 1455

1541 CCGATGAAGCCTTTGCTTTGATACAACACAATACCCGCTTATACCTTGTA 1590
    | ||||| | ||||| | || | ||| ||||| ||||| |||
1456 CAGATGATGTTTTTGGCTTTAGTTTCAGTATAACACCCATCTATATCTAGCA 1505

1591 AATGTGGTAAATATTAGTAAAGAACTTATGTACCAGCAAGCTTTGTGCCG 1640
    ||||| ||| | ||| ||||| ||| | ||||| ||| | |||
1506 AATGTGGTGAATCTCAGCAAAGAGCTAATGTATCAGCAAACCTCTTCGTCG 1555

1641 TTTTGGGAACTTCAATGCTATTTCAGCTCAGTGAACCAGCTCCACTTCAGG 1690
    ||||| | ||| ||| ||| ||||| ||| ||||| ||| | |||
1556 TTTTGCTCATTTTAACGCAATACAGCTTAGCGATCCAGCCCCCTTTGTCAG 1605

1691 AGTTGCTGGTGATGGCACTGAAAGACGATGA.ATTGAT.....GAGTGAT 1734
    ||||| | || ||||| ||||| ||| ||| | ||||| |||||
1606 AGTTGATATTGTTGGCTCTGAAAGAGGAGGATCTAGATCCAGGAAATGAT 1655

1735 GAAAAGGATGATGAGAAACTGGAGATTGCAGAAAGTAAACACTGAGATACT 1784
    ||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||| ||| ||| ||| |||
1656 ACAAAGATGATCTGAAAGAAAGAATTGCTGAAATGAATACAGAACTCCT 1705

1785 AAAAGAAAATGCTGAGATGATTAATGAGTACTTTTCTATTTCACATTGATC 1834
    || ||||| ||| ||| ||| ||||| ||| ||||| |||||
1706 CAAGGAAAAAGCAGAAATGTTAGAGGAGTATTTTCAGCGTGACATTGACT 1755

1835 AAGATGGCAAATTGACAAGACTTCCTGTTGTACTGGACCAGTACACCCCT 1884
    || || ||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| |||||
1756 CCAGTGCAAATTTGTCAAGGCTTCCTGTGATACTCGACCAGTATACACCT 1805

1885 GATATGGACCGTCTTCCAGAATTTGTGTTGGCTTTAGGAAATGATGTTAC 1934
    || ||||| ||| ||||| ||||| | | ||||| ||||| |||||
1806 GACATGGATCGTGTTCTGAATTTTACTATGCTTGGGAAATGATGTTGA 1855

1935 TTGGGATGACGAGAAAGAGTGCTTCAGAACAGTAGCTTCTGCTGTAGGAA 1984
    ||||| || ||||| ||||| | ||| ||| ||| ||| |||
1856 GTGGGAAGATGAGAAGAGTTGCTTTCAAGGAGTTTCTGCAGCTATTGGGA 1905

1985 ACTTCTATGCACTTCATCCCCCAATCCTTCCAAATCCATCTGGGAATGGC 2034
    ||||| || | ||||| ||||| | ||||| ||||| ||| |||
1906 ACTTTTACGCCATGCATCCTCCTCTTTTGCCAAACCCATCGGGTGACGGT 1955

2035 ATTCATTTATACA.....AGAAAAATAGAGATTTC 2063
    ||||| || ||| | ||||| ||||| |||||
1956 ATTCAGTTCTATAGTAAGAGAGGTGAGAGCTCTCAGGAAAAGTCAGATTT 2005

2064 AATGGCTGATGAACATGCTGAGAATGATCTAATATCAGATGAAAATGACG 2113
    | ||| | ||| ||| ||| |||
2006 AGAGGGTAACGTCGATATGGAGGACAATC..... 2034

2114 TTGATCAAGAACTTCTTGCGGAAGCAGAAGCAGCATGGGCCCAACGTGAG 2163
    ||||| ||||| ||||| ||| ||| ||| ||||| ||||| |||||
2035 TTGACCAAGATCTTCTGTCTAGATGCTGAAAACGCATGGGCACAACGTGAA 2084

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FIGURE 4C

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FIGURE 4D